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1. PRESS REPORTS FIRST PUBLIC LISTING OF CHARGES AGAINST THREE TORRALTA DIRECTORS HELD WITHOUT BAIL SINCE DECEMBER 13 (REFTELS (A) AND (B)). JOAQUIM JOSE PAIVA CORREIA IS ACCUSED OF ILLEGAL EXPORTATION OF AROUND \$80,000. TWO BROTHERS, AGOSTINHO DA SILVA AND JOSE DA SILVA, ARE ACCUSED OF ILLEGAL IMPORT AND EXPORT OF ABOUT \$800,000 IN CAPITAL, AND MISUSE OF ENTRUSTED FUNDS OF \$80,000 EACH. THEY CONTINUE TO BE HELD WITHOUT BAIL. CIVIL PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS IS TWO TO EIGHT YEARS IMPRISONMENT; FOR MISUSE OF FUNDS THE TERM IS EIGHT TO 12 YEARS.

2. OF THE TWO REMAINING TORRALTA DIRECTORS IMPRISONED, ADMIRAL SARMENTO RODRIGUES WAS RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 14 (REFTEL (C)) WITHOUT ANY CHARGES FOR HIS ARREST EVER BEING MADE PUBLIC. AS FAR AS KNOWN, COLONEL JOAO DA SILVA DELGADO IS STILL BEING HELD BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES, WITH NO CHARGES BEING MADE PUBLIC.

3. OF EIGHT PERSONS ORIGINALLY ACCUSED IN CONNECTION WITH CASE OF BANCO INTERCONTINENTAL PORTUGUES (BIP), ONLY JORGE DE BRITO REMAINS IN PRISON. JOAO DE ALMEIDA GARRETT HAS NEVER BEEN FOUND. TWO OF THOSE RELEASED ON BAIL, FERNANDO AUGUSTO PINTO BARBOSA CRUZ AND ANTONIO MANUEL SOUSA VIEIRA, ARE REPORTEDLY NOT CURRENTLY UNDER INDICTMENT, WHILE THEIR CASES AWAIT MORE PROOF. EXACT CHARGES AND PROCEEDINGS STILL BEING HELD IN SECRET.

4. COMMENT: FACT THAT IT HAS TAKEN SO LONG (THREE MONTHS) FOR EVEN SOME CHARGES AGAINST THOSE STILL DETAINED TO BECOME KNOWN IN A SUPPOSEDLY NON-POLITICAL CASE DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR PROCEEDINGS AGAINST POST-MARCH 11 ARRESTEES.  
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